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Mr. David B. Miller Lodestar Energy, Inc. HC 35 Box 370 Helper, Utah 84526 Refer to:

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Re:

Minor Amendment to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) Horizon Mine, Lodestar Energy, Inc., November 4, 1999

Dear Mr. Miller:

On January 30, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Lodestar Energy, Inc.'s request for a minor amendment to the approved Resource Recovery Protection Plan (R2P2) for the Horizon Mine. This letter is to notify you that the BLM has completed our review of Lodestar Energy, Inc.'s minor amendment to the approved R2P2 regarding the Horizon Mine. The purpose of our review is to determine compliance with The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43CFR 3480, and the lease terms and conditions; and to ensure that maximum economic recovery (MER) will be achieved.

Our determination of the subject minor amendment is as follows:

- Since DOGM approval for the complete lease is not likely for some time, a new stipulation has been added below allowing for mining south of "Beaver".
- Recoverable coal reserves for UTU-74804 are 6,295,700 as determined by the May 12, 1998 Engineering and Geologic Report.
- The actual sequencing and initial date of commencement of mining operations on UTU-74804 will probably change. Once all the permits are in place, a revised sequence and timing map will need to be submitted to the BLM.

Based upon the above-stated requirements, BLM determination is conditioned with the following stipulation:

Original Stipulation: Horizon shall submit the following information (as requested above):

An updated mine plan that details mining sequencing and any other changes will be submitted when all permits are in place, but prior to commencement of operations on

the Federal lease.

## New Stipulation:

R2P2 approval is for areas south of "Beaver" as shown on the approved R2P2 amended map. Areas north of "Beaver are NOT to be mined prior to all permits being in place.

BLM has determined that the information contained in the R2P2 amendment for the Horizon Mine with stipulation does comply with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, and the lease terms and stipulations. Thus, approval for the Horizon Mine's R2P2 amendment is granted. If you have any questions, please contact Jay Marshall at the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3614.

Sincerely,

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